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MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2006

DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: DeWitt O' Club, 641 West Redline Avenue, Alameda CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, Commissioners Terri Ogden, Georg Oliver and Bruce Reeves

Absent: Chair Jay Ingram, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Christine Johnson

Staff: Dale Lillard, Acting Director (AD)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of May 11, 2006 Recreation and Park Commisison Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/OGDEN (approved)

Approved (4): Kahuanui, Ogden, Oliver, Reeves

Absent (3): Ingram, Cooper, Johnson

Abstention (0):

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

None.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A copy of the Proposed Budget and Plan for FY 2006-08 was given to the Recreation and Park Commission that the City Manager had presented to City Council on May 30, 2006.
- A copy of an e-mail from Acting Director to City Council regarding the fire at Krusi Park that damaged the playground equipment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Review – (Discussion Item)

AD Lillard reviewed the presentation that the City Manager provided to City Council. Council seems focused on improvements to infrastructure. Repairs (streets, sidewalks, sewers, tree care, park maintenance, etc.) have been delayed for a long period of time.

The presentation was well received by Council. The Recreation and Park Department is being funded at the same level as the previous year. The new budget includes the Director's position and Council is giving the Department an additional \$30,000 for field maintenance.

Council did ask additional questions regarding the deficit and infrastructure. Staff will bring the answers back to Council on June 20, 2006. Council can approve the budget at that time, or the process will continue if they have additional questions.

CIP's that are funded for the Recreation and Park Department are:

Large Projects

Lincoln Park Field
Lincoln Park Building

Small Projects

Lower Washington Park Restrooms

Other projects will be deferred. Funds are needed for big infrastructure items where there is a large deficit.

B. Summer Commission Meetings – (Discussion/Action Item)

Discussion was held regarding the Recreation and Park Commission meetings for July and August.

Vice Chair Kahuanui suggested having the July 13 Commission Meeting at the Hidden Cove Campfire at Crab Cove. Commission agreed to hold meeting at campfire on July 13.

M/S/C REEVES/OLIVER (approved)

“That the August 10 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting be cancelled.”

Approved (4): Kahuanui, Ogden, Oliver, Reeves

Absent (3): Ingram, Cooper, Johnson

Abstention (0):

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached June 1 - 30, 2006 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See attached June 1- 30, 2006 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached June 1- 30, 2006 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

- **Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)**

No report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Washington Park Recreation Building – We will go to bid on June 20, 2006. The bid should be awarded in July and construction should begin directly after it is awarded.

Bayport Park – Park is currently under construction.

College of Alameda Football Field – Staff and Pat Bail are meeting with College staff to develop a Use Agreement. The tentative agreement would be that ARPD schedules the field, user group will be responsible for any damage and garbage clean up, and our Maintenance staff will pick up the bagged garbage and clean the bathrooms. The College will not charge a fee and the agreement will be for a three month trial period. The Use Agreement will be going to the College Board during the week of June 12, 2006 for approval.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

AD Lillard stated that the Naming Policy was discussed by Council at their meeting on June 6. The Naming Policy will go before Council again in August. It is estimated that it will be September before the Commission will be able to consider a name for Bayport Park.

AD Lillard provided information to the Commission regarding the fire at Krusi Park which happened on Sunday, May 28. The play area sustained significant damage. An accelerant was used and the Fire Department has listed the cause as suspicious. It is anticipated that approximately half of the playground equipment will need to be replaced. Otis School PTA has contacted the Recreation and Park Department regarding possible donations to help replace the equipment. We are waiting to hear from the insurance adjuster about the deductible. It is anticipated that it will take approximately three months to replace the equipment.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING

Meeting will be **held on July 13, 2006 at Crab Cove** for the Hidden Cove Campfire night. Program will begin at 5:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT